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STAFFDEL MANTEL

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL MANTEL

DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM RICHARDSON (SFRC)

TO PASS TO ROBERT MANTEL ON BEHALF OF SENATOR MCGEE.

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD REQUESTED BY SFRC TO PASS URGENTLY

TO MMANTEL IN RAWALPINDI.

QUOTE: SENATOR MCGEE REQUESTS THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION BE
DIRECTED BY THE STAFF TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES
IN PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BANGLADESH.

A. PAKISTAN:

SENATOR MCGEE WOULD LIKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE INDUS BASIN
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. WHO BENEFITS? DO THE SMALL PEASANT
FARMERS BENEFIT OR IS IT ONLY COST EFFECTIVE FOR LARGE LAND
HOLDERS? WHAT IS THE PER CAPITA INCOME OF THE SMALL FARMER
IN THE REGION? DOES THE COST TO HIM IN RELATION TO THE

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INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY PROVIDE ADDED INCENTIVE TO INCREASE

PRODUCTION AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IMPROVED FARMING METHODS INCLUDING IRRIGATION? IS THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT STRONG IN THE AREA? WHAT PROBLEMS IF ANY HAVE THEY ENCOUNTERED? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SOCIOLOGICAL OR CULTURAL PROBLEMS? HAS THERE BEEN DEVELOPMENT OF A SALINITY PROBLEM?

B. INDIA:

INDIA IS THE LARGEST IDA RECIPIENT. PLEASE PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED BY IDA PROJECTS. HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM IDA PROJECTS? HAVE IDA PROJECTS HAD A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON INCREASING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE AFFECTED INDIAN POPULACE? HAS THE IMPACT OF IDA INVESTMENT IN INDIA BEEN MARGINAL OR HAS IT MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS---FOOD PRODUCTION, FARM TO MARKET ROADS, RURAL HEALTH DISPENSARIES?

C. BANGLADESH:

DOES BANGLADESH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY? WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES? SPECIFICALLY; 1) UNCERTAINTY OF CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS (FLOODS, HURRICANES); 2) INADEQUATE PRICING STRUCTURE; 3) INADEQUATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT; I.E., CREDIT, ACCESS TO IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY; 4) MARKETING - IS INTERNAL MARKETING STRUCTURE SUFFICIENT? END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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